

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING**

December 10, 2007

CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Kim Young, Peter Haviland, Robert Worthing, and Randy Robbins.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant # 45& #46

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Peter Haviland motioned, Kim Young seconded, to approve the November 26, 2007.

Changes to the Agenda

Jim Tower addressed the Board in regard to two letters he faxed to the Board of Selectmen today. The first document Mr. Tower had received from the Town of Thomaston in regard to their new town valuation that was recently completed and how, according to Mr. Tower, there was a problem with the valuation and that the Town of Thomaston is promptly working to make things right. Mr. Tower stated that although he agrees that the tax issues in Thomaston are different than those in Cushing, he wanted to point out that the Town of Thomaston promptly undertook the measures necessary to correct the inequities in its tax base valuations. He stated that in contrast the Town of Cushing refuses to acknowledge that there are any inequities. He made a request that the Town of Cushing hire an objective independent appraiser to reevaluate the town. Mr. Tower invited the Board to sit down and find a middle ground.

The second document Mr. Tower faxed was a copy of a letter sent to the Planning Board in regard to perceived bias due to Mr. Remian and Mrs. Kalloch also being town assessors. He stated that the bias creates conflict of interest.

Unfinished Business

Social Agencies- Randy Robbins motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to adopt the Guidelines for Consideration of Donations to Non-Profit Groups on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Banking- Selectman Kim Young motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to proceed with changing banks from Camden National Bank to Damariscotta Bank and Trust Co. contingent upon the fact that if Camden National Bank matches the terms set equal or better to Damariscotta Bank and Trust Co. that we will stay with Camden National Bank. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Tax Liens- Treasurer Fred Berg presented the Board a recommended list of the 2007 Town of Cushing tax liens subject to foreclosure. He reported that he had sent certified letters to those notifying them that foreclosure letters would be sent. He had several certified letters that were never picked up at the post office. Chairman Alton Grover recommended contacting the Sheriffs Department to have a deputy serve the letters to those that had not picked them up. Treasurer Fred Berg wondered if it was worth it due to the cost of having the Sheriff deliver the letters. Chairman Alton Grover will contact the Sheriffs Department to find out the cost. The Board directed Treasurer Fred Berg to send the foreclosure letters to those on the recommended list.

New Business

Chairman Alton Grover read a letter of resignation from Selectman Kim Young. Her resignation will become effective March 2008.

Selectman Kim Young motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to adjourn at 7:15PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk